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Above-average growth rate for Lewiston-Auburn, Bangor, too

Portland Metropolitan Area #1 in Rate of Income Growth

From 1984 through 1986 the Portland metropolitan area recorded the highest rate of per capita personal income growth among 317 metropolitan areas according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce. BEA defines the Portland metropolitan area as a New England County Metropolitan Area which is equivalent to Cumberland County. From 1984 through 1986 per capita income rose 18.6 percent in the Portland area, from $13,281 to $15,752. National per capita income rose 11.6 percent during the same period, from $13,116 to $14,639.

Portland was Maine's only metropolitan area with a per capita income higher than the nation's in 1986, and Portland's ranking among the 317 metropolitan areas rose from 85th in 1984 to 56th in 1986. The other two metropolitan areas in Maine also had greater percentage increases in per capita income than did the U.S.; Bangor (Penobscot County) increased 11.9 percent, from $10,673 to $11,943; and Lewiston-Auburn (Androscoggin County) rose 12.7 percent, from $11,000 to $12,395.

During 1986 income in the Portland metropolitan area was derived from earnings (mainly wage and salary and proprietor's income), 68.3 percent; dividends, interest, and rent, 17.3 percent; and government transfer payments such as social security and welfare, 14.4 percent. This distribution was similar to the national breakdown, which was 68.4 percent earnings; 16.9 percent dividends, interest, and rent; and 14.7 percent transfer payments. The comparable distribution for Bangor was 68.7 percent earnings; 12.9 percent dividends, interest, and rent; and 18.4 percent transfer payments. For Lewiston-Auburn the distribution of sources of income was 67.8 percent earnings; 13.7 percent dividends, interest, and rent; and 18.5 percent transfer payments.

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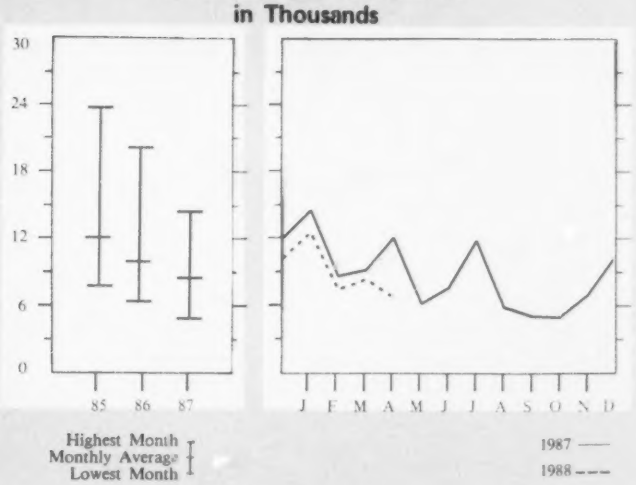
UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



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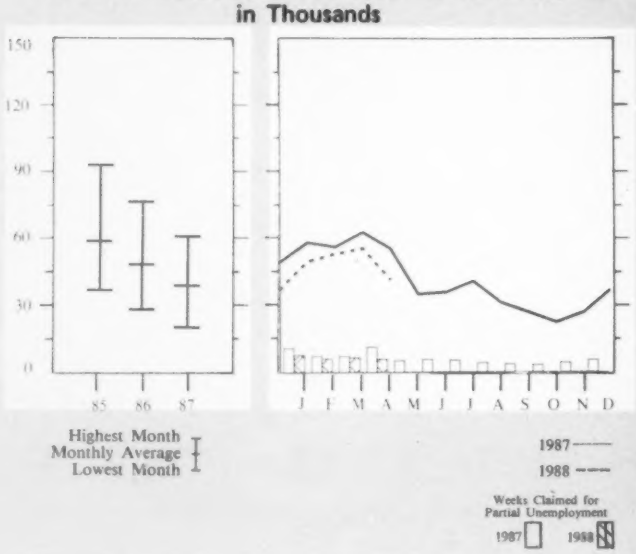
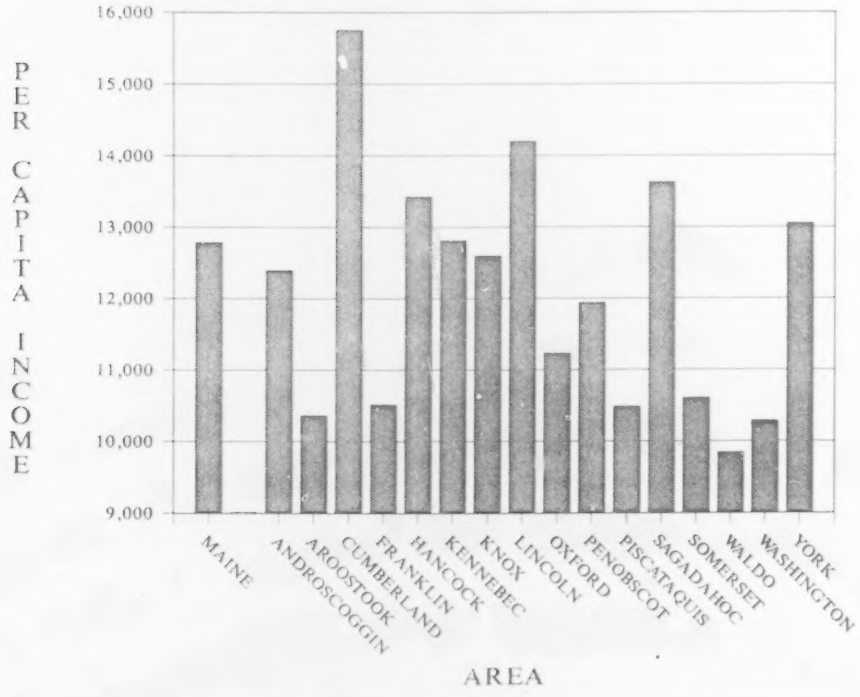


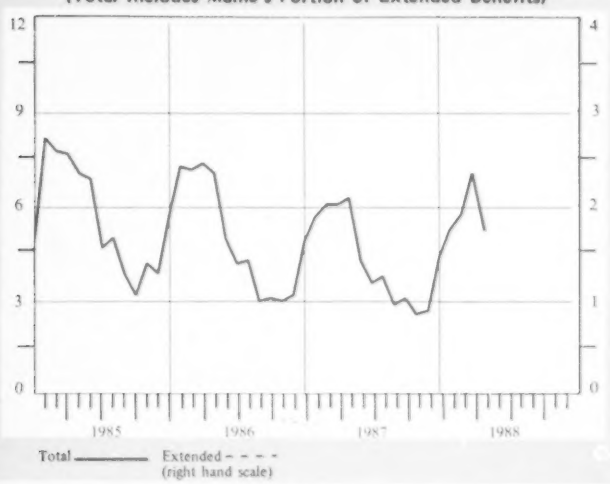
1986 PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME FOR MAINE AND MAINE COUNTIES



Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments
in Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	513.1	507.0	488.2	125.5	123.0	120.1	40.1	39.9	38.9
Total Manufacturing	104.7	105.8	101.2	16.6	16.5	15.7	10.5	10.5	10.0
Durable Goods	48.4	49.5	45.1	8.4	8.2	7.4	2.8	2.8	2.8
Lumber and Wood Products	11.4	12.9	11.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.5	3.5	3.5	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.6	4.7	4.2	2.3	2.3	2.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	11.6	11.6	10.2	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.8	0.8	0.8
Transportation Equipment 2/	12.3	12.0	10.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3/	5.0	4.8	4.4	1.3	1.2	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.4
Nondurable Goods	56.3	56.3	56.1	8.2	8.3	8.3	7.7	7.7	7.2
Food and Kindred Products	7.2	7.2	7.4	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.9	0.9	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.7	6.7	6.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.3	1.2	1.2
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.1	3.1	3.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.1	17.0	16.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.6	0.5	0.6
Printing and Publishing	5.4	5.5	5.2	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.7	0.7	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.8	3.8	3.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.8	1.9	1.6
Leather and Leather Products	11.9	11.9	11.9	1.5	1.6	1.4	2.2	2.3	2.2
Footwear (except Rubber)	9.9	9.9	9.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.8	1.7
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.1	1.1	1.1	2.7	2.7	2.9	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	408.4	401.2	387.0	108.9	106.5	104.3	29.6	29.4	28.9
Construction and Mining	31.5	28.5	29.0	9.1	8.5	8.5	2.2	2.1	2.0
Building Construction	11.4	10.8	10.9	2.6	2.5	2.5	0.5	0.5	0.4
Special Trades Contractor	14.8	13.5	13.3	5.0	4.7	4.3	1.6	1.5	1.5
Transportation and Public Utilities	20.7	20.3	20.1	5.9	5.9	5.8	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	24.7	24.5	23.3	9.8	9.8	9.4	2.0	1.9	1.9
Retail Trade	103.1	100.8	94.8	25.6	25.2	25.5	7.6	7.6	7.5
Food Stores	19.6	19.4	18.3	4.3	4.2	4.1	1.5	1.4	1.4
Eating and Drinking Places	32.1	29.7	28.2	7.5	7.1	7.5	2.4	2.4	2.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.2	24.9	24.5	12.6	12.3	11.9	2.3	2.3	2.1
Banking	8.9	8.8	8.5	3.1	3.0	2.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.0	10.0	9.9	5.9	5.8	5.3	0.7	0.7	0.6
Services	110.4	109.4	104.2	30.1	29.1	27.7	10.1	10.2	10.0
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	7.2	6.2	6.9	2.5	2.3	1.6	0.4	0.3	0.3
Business Services	11.6	11.3	11.4	5.0	4.8	4.5	1.0	0.9	0.9
Health Services	42.3	42.6	40.1	10.1	10.2	9.7	4.0	3.9	4.2
Federal Government	18.4	18.4	18.1	2.0	1.9	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5/	74.4	74.4	73.0	13.8	13.8	13.6	3.7	3.6	3.7
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 26, 28, 29; Lewiston - 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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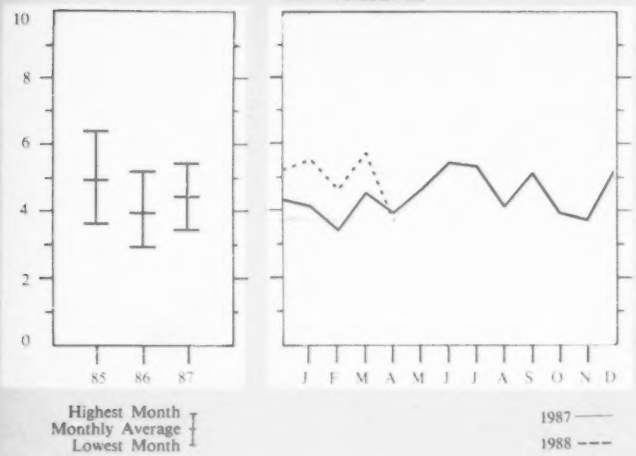
New Applications For Work

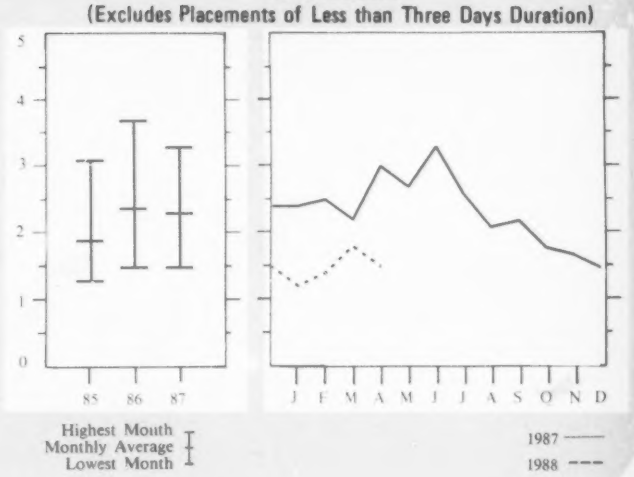
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1987	1986	1985
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$359.56	$361.21	$361.38	40.4	41.0	41.3	$8.90	$8.81	$8.75	$8.77	$8.65	$8.40
Durable Goods	341.12	348.10	349.40	41.6	42.4	42.3	8.20	8.21	8.26	8.32	8,52	8.46
Lumber and Wood Products	319.58	331.71	312.08	40.3	40.7	41.5	7.93	8.15	7.52	7.82	7.74	8.06
Primary and Fabricated Metals	385.44	412.67	363.79	43.9	49.6	42.9	8.78	8.32	8.48	8.94	8.58	8.25
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	422.99	433.29	395.54	48.9	50.5	42.9	8.65	8.58	9.22	9.20	9.62	9.11
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	344.03	342.34	317.15	41.4	41.8	39.3	8.31	8.19	8.07	8.03	7.94	7.57
Other Durable Goods	325.22	329.27	390.60	40.4	40.6	45.0	8.05	8.11	8.68	8.60	9.41	9.50
Nondurable Goods	375.71	373.72	371.39	39.3	39.8	40.5	9.56	9.39	9.17	9.18	8.76	8.31
Food and Kindred Products	263.49	262.08	252.65	35.8	36.0	34.8	7.36	7.28	7.26	7.16	7.00	6.63
Textile Mill Products	300.92	305.63	285.37	40.5	39.9	39.8	7.43	7.66	7.17	7.35	7.04	6.64
Apparel and Other Textile Products	223.30	225.89	225.45	35.9	36.2	37.7	6.22	6.24	5.98	5.92	5.73	5.83
Paper and Allied Products	607.50	605.24	603.19	43.3	44.7	45.8	14.03	13.54	13.17	13.43	12.70	12.25
Leather and Leather Products	242.72	237.97	243.96	37.0	37.3	38.0	6.56	6.38	6.42	6.34	6.05	5.93
Other Nondurable Goods	326.42	327.25	333.28	38.0	38.5	40.3	8.59	8.50	8.27	8.28	8.00	7.51
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	380.55	399.93	367.20	40.7	42.5	40.0	9.35	9.41	9.18	9.13	9.17	8.90
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	317.95	320.85	296.94	40.4	41.4	40.4	7.87	7.75	7.35	7.40	7.19	6.78

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	259.6	257.9	253.5
Unemployed	10.4	11.8	14.6
(Percent)	4.0%	4.6%	5.8%
Resident Employed	249.2	246.1	238.9

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	117.1	116.5	112.7	115.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.5%
Percent Change from Last December	+1.5%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.9%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	591.3	583.0	573.9	565.4	552.5	541.8	25.9	30.5	32.1	4.4	5.2	5.6
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	42,500	41,500	42,100	41,000	39,800	40,200	1,500	1,700	1,900	3.5	4.1	4.5
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,400	41,700	41,500	39,600	39,400	38,800	1,800	2,300	2,700	4.3	5.5	6.5
Portland MSA	125,000	123,600	121,300	122,500	120,300	118,100	2,500	3,300	3,200	2.0	2.7	2.6
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	131,500	128,000	n/a	128,400	124,900	n/a	3,100	3,100	n/a	2.4	2.4
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	34,220	33,520	33,170	32,780	31,800	31,320	1,440	1,720	1,850	4.2	5.1	5.6
Bath-Brunswick	29,050	28,480	27,870	28,300	27,360	26,350	750	1,120	1,520	2.6	3.9	5.5
Belfast	11,710	11,870	11,370	10,490	10,400	10,480	1,220	1,470	890	10.4	12.4	7.8
Biddeford	27,250	26,480	26,110	26,440	25,300	25,060	810	1,180	1,050	3.0	4.5	4.0
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	14,310	13,510	13,480	13,930	12,790	13,060	380	720	420	2.7	5.3	3.1
Calais-Eastport	14,510	14,190	13,580	12,710	12,590	11,740	1,800	1,600	1,840	12.4	11.3	13.5
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,530	21,630	21,420	19,780	19,730	19,060	1,750	1,900	2,360	8.1	8.8	11.0
Central Penobscot	2,640	2,670	2,520	2,480	2,500	2,330	160	170	190	6.1	6.4	7.5
Dover-Foxcroft	6,600	6,800	6,640	6,290	6,420	5,990	310	380	650	4.7	5.6	9.8
Ellsworth	22,250	21,210	21,250	21,070	19,330	19,530	1,180	1,880	1,720	5.3	8.9	8.1
Farmington	12,610	12,690	12,480	11,840	12,010	11,520	770	680	960	6.1	5.4	7.7
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,750	4,930	4,960	4,130	4,490	4,140	620	440	820	13.1	8.9	16.5
Greenville	1,120	1,310	1,120	1,010	1,240	1,010	110	70	110	9.8	5.3	9.8
Houlton	6,170	6,030	6,100	5,750	5,670	5,540	420	360	560	6.8	6.0	9.2
Kittery-York 3/	29,580	29,130	28,510	29,230	28,510	28,180	350	620	330	1.2	2.1	1.2
Lincoln-Howland	5,590	5,440	5,420	5,070	5,160	4,940	520	280	480	9.3	5.1	8.9
Livermore Falls	4,060	3,980	4,300	3,810	3,680	4,030	250	300	270	6.2	7.5	6.3
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,950	3,900	3,620	3,510	3,450	3,230	440	450	390	11.1	11.5	10.8
Millinocket-East Millinocket	3,960	3,920	4,070	3,710	3,690	3,850	250	230	220	6.3	5.9	5.4
Norway-Paris	12,430	12,280	11,310	11,950	11,670	10,640	480	610	670	3.9	5.0	5.9
Patten-Island Falls	2,270	2,340	2,300	2,030	2,160	1,980	240	180	320	10.6	7.7	13.9
Rockland	18,300	18,090	17,350	17,620	17,010	16,630	680	1,080	720	3.7	6.0	4.1
Rumford	8,680	8,560	8,440	7,920	7,920	7,600	760	640	840	8.8	7.5	10.0
Sanford	16,590	16,370	15,380	16,040	15,490	14,810	550	880	570	3.3	5.4	3.7
Sebago Lakes Region	11,220	10,740	10,850	10,900	10,280	10,500	320	460	350	2.9	4.3	3.2
Skowhegan	22,770	22,090	21,830	21,030	20,420	19,890	1,740	1,670	1,940	7.6	7.6	8.9
Southwest Penobscot	10,460	10,480	10,330	9,770	9,570	9,210	690	910	1,120	6.6	8.7	10.8
Waterville	23,940	23,600	23,250	22,720	22,380	22,070	1,220	1,220	1,180	5.1	5.2	5.1
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	1,705.6	1,691.2	1,747.1	1,662.2	1,638.9	1,690.6	43.4	52.3	56.5	2.5	3.1	3.2
Massachusetts	3,135.4	3,169.0	3,056.3	3,043.8	3,055.0	2,937.9	91.6	114.0	118.4	2.9	3.6	3.9
New Hampshire	n/a	590.8	572.4	n/a	574.0	557.3	n/a	16.8	15.1	n/a	2.8	2.6
Rhode Island	524.4	520.5	520.4	506.8	499.3	499.0	17.6	21.2	21.4	3.4	4.1	4.1
Vermont	298.4	298.2	289.6	288.2	287.2	276.6	10.2	11.0	13.0	3.4	3.7	4.5
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,852.7	6,759.7	n/a	6,606.9	6,503.2	n/a	245.8	256.5	n/a	3.6	3.8
UNITED STATES 4/	120,264	119,957	118,347	113,905	112,867	111,041	6,359	7,090	7,306	5.3	5.9	6.2

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	8,654	10,552	10,109	717	1,064	944	614	801	819
Insured Unemployment Rate *	1.7	2.2	2.1	0.6	1.0	0.9	1.7	2.2	2.3

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Economic/Demographic Profile for Maine

	1970	1975	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
Total Population	997,000	1,063,000	1,125,000	1,135,000	1,140,000	1,148,000	1,158,000	1,166,000	1,172,000	1,187,000
% Change/Previous Year	--	--	--	0.9	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.5	1.3
Labor Force	410,300	456,900	507,000	509,000	516,000	537,000	551,000	553,000	561,000	587,000
% Change/Previous Year	--	--	--	0.4	1.4	4.1	2.6	0.4	1.4	4.6
Employed	387,700	409,700	468,000	472,000	472,000	489,000	517,000	523,000	531,000	561,000
Unemployed	22,600	47,200	39,000	37,000	44,000	48,000	34,000	30,000	30,000	26,000
Unemployment Rate	5.5	10.3	7.8	7.2	8.6	9.0	6.1	5.4	5.3	4.4
Total Non-Agricultural Employment	332,200	356,900	418,300	419,200	415,500	425,000	445,700	458,400	477,400	501,000
Construction and Mining	17,000	18,800	19,700	17,700	16,800	17,100	20,600	23,500	27,100	31,000
% of Total Employment	5.1	5.3	4.7	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.6	5.1	5.7	6.2
Manufacturing	110,400	96,300	113,200	113,500	108,600	109,200	110,700	105,900	103,600	103,600
% of Total Employment	33.2	27.0	27.1	27.1	26.1	25.7	24.8	23.1	21.7	20.7
Transportation, Communication, Public Utilities	17,600	17,700	18,700	18,700	18,500	18,400	19,100	19,300	19,400	20,400
% of Total Employment	5.3	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.1
Trade	65,900	75,700	88,900	89,400	90,500	94,500	101,300	108,000	116,100	124,200
% of Total Employment	19.8	21.2	21.2	21.3	21.8	22.2	22.7	23.6	24.3	24.8
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	12,200	14,200	16,500	17,000	17,500	18,100	19,500	20,900	22,900	24,800
% of Total Employment	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.8	5.0
Services	42,700	59,400	78,000	80,300	81,500	84,600	90,600	95,800	101,600	108,400
% of Total Employment	12.9	16.6	18.6	19.2	19.6	19.9	20.3	20.9	21.3	21.6
Government	66,400	74,800	83,300	82,600	82,100	83,100	83,900	84,900	86,700	88,600
% of Total Employment	20.0	21.0	19.9	19.7	19.8	19.6	18.8	18.5	18.2	17.7
Personal Income (Mil$)	3,394	5,327	9,266	10,230	10,902	11,806	12,966	13,815	15,007	--
Per Capita Income	3,405	4,963	8,224	9,016	9,569	10,290	11,201	11,857	12,790	--
Births	17,837	15,232	16,474	16,567	16,695	16,576	16,631	16,905	16,717	--
Birth Rate (per 1,000)	17.9	14.3	14.6	14.6	14.7	14.5	14.4	14.5	14.3	--
Deaths	11,066	10,253	10,768	10,331	10,451	10,916	10,826	11,392	11,178	--
Death Rate (per 1,000)	11.1	9.6	9.6	9.1	9.2	9.5	9.4	9.8	9.5	--

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